

verse in turn.) Matt. 5:3-11. Acts 20:35; Luke 6:20; 12:37; 14:14; 11:28; John 20:29.

FOR THOUGHT AND DISCUSSION

- 1 Why should a revival of religion cause joy? Acts 8:8.
- 2 What proof have we that Jesus was happy? Luke 10:21; John 15:11.
- 3 Why should there be joy in God's service?
- 4 What grounds are there for joy in innocent suffering? Matt. 5:12; II Cor. 7:4-8; Heb. 12:11; I Pet. 3:14; 4:14; Heb. 10:34.
- 5 How does a Christian's joy differ from that of the worldling? I Cor. 13:6.
- 6 When, if ever, may a Christian consistently be gloomy.
- 7 What are some wrong ways of seeking pleasure? Prov. 15:21; Jas. 4:16.
- 8 What makes sacrifice for others a joy?
- 9 Why is the joy of sin not worth seeking? I Tim. 5:6; Heb. 11:25; Luke 18:14.
- 10 How may we learn to be more joyful in God's service?

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SERMON ECHOES

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It pays to keep sweet.

If you feel cross, don't look it.

True success has but two necessities,—effort and God.

Better have dust on your knees than dust on your Bible.

The best way to down a slander is to live it down.

You can usually know how much a man believes, by the way he goes down into his pocket.

The God that would place his child in a desert world and leave him without a revelation, would be a monster.

When a woman falls among thieves who steal her virtue, you will discover that a good many priests and Levites still live.

From the dark skinned African strutting beneath his crazy-patch vest, to the European general swelling beneath the glitter of jeweled stars and medals, men are vain.

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Missionary Day

It has been some time since I have written, especially for the Young People's Societies of the church, but I assure you, my young friends, that I have not forgotten you, neither have I forgotten the enjoyments of my work with you during the five years that I was president of the King's Children Society. I am reminded by a kindly note from Brother Furry, our president, that April 8, is to be the regular quarterly missionary meeting of the societies all over the country, and that a contribution from my pen for our columns in the EVANGELIST would be timely. As president of the missionary board, it is a pleasure to me to know that the young people of the church are to be a growing factor in the future enterprises of our beloved brotherhood. The missionary work is peculiarly the field of the young people's endeavor. We believe the pledge of five hundred dollars, made by the societies for the general missionary board, will be paid; for the societies have never failed yet in their promises. Doubtless you have read the reports from the missionaries

the past months with joy, that the Lord has blessed our work in the saving of souls. Already we have a church in Washington, as an evidence of the untiring labors of Brother Lyon and his fellow-helpers. When this project is completed Chicago will be ready.

At Stanley, Wisconsin, where I recently held a week's meetings with success, we will soon organize a church, and of course a young people's society will be one of the working features, as already they have asked me to send them a constitution and requisites.

The work here in Chicago is gaining steadily, and the past winter has been blessed in the conversion of souls, and on the whole, in this field, think we have done the most solid and lasting work ever done in this mission. Only last night an exemplary young man who had been attending the services for some time, handed me his letter from another denomination, saying that he wanted to walk closer to the Lord, and was ready to be baptized. Our Sunday school is very interesting and growing, as well as all the other services.

Looking to the future of the missionary work of the church we see that it is from the ranks of our *working* young people that we must call men and women into the field, and nothing in the present day can so encourage your general missionary board as to see the young people's societies take a deep practical interest in the work. In you we feel that the Lord has a strong army advancing to the field to accomplish what we and all your predecessors have prayed and labored for. Indeed we think that your consecrated spirit-directed efforts are in a sense the Lord's answer to our prayers for an advance movement in the missionary field. We do not forget that it was in the young people's sessions of the general conference of 1896 that the first effort to start a mission under the auspices of the general church was made. It was in their session that the first money for such an enterprise was raised, and the Chicago and Washington work is the result. Then we deem it not too much to say that the King's Children and Endeavor societies of the church opened the doors for missions, and opened them wider than ever in our previous history. In my mind the Chicago and Washington work will ever stand closely connected with the young people's work in the Brethren church.

We are putting out our missionary barrels here in our S. S. and church, and will call them in on the day set by our president. Let us make Sunday, April 8th, a day to be remembered in the Y. P. S. thru out the whole country by a grand offering for missions. Let it be the largest in our history. Your workers need the money, as all of them are doing the work at great sacrifice, and it keeps us *strictly* on economical lines to meet our rents, and expenses, and live. Pray for the workers, and bring in the tithes, and the "Lord will open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing."

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Christ Our Missionary Model

"The Lord hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God." Isa. 52:10.

All students of the old prophets well know that they frequently speak of the future as in the past, and so Isaiah speaks in a part of the above text. He says, "The Lord *hath* made bare his arm in the eyes of all nations." The text was uttered seven hundred years before Christ, and even now nearly two thousand years after his advent it is not yet fulfilled. The mythical Christ of history is probably known to all nations today, but the Christ of God, the Christ with bare arm for the salvation of men everywhere is not yet known by the vast majority of the human family; it behooves us therefore, specially the young people that they study well, Christ as the model missionary.

The prophet uses a strong figure to express the missionary zeal of the Master. He says, "The Lord hath made bare his holy arm." When we see the workman pull off his coat and roll up his sleeves we infer that he is in earnest and means to accomplish something; we who have been raised in the country are familiar with the muscular, brawny, sun-browned arm of the farmer, and how he wields the scythe, or cradle, or pitch fork, doing a great deal of hard, heavy work in a day. This is the attitude in which the prophet presents Christ to us as a model missionary. When we study the life of Christ in the temptation, in the ignominy and shame that was heaped upon him, and the death that he died all without a murmur we see how true to the facts the prophet's figure is. Truly here is a model for us to study. If we would be true missionaries of the cross we must also submit without murmuring to the crucifixion of the flesh, probably not physically, but just as really as Jesus did. "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in His throne." Rev. 3, 21.

Again, the prophet sets up Christ as a great model in the scope and comprehensiveness of his purpose. "All the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God." Dear reader, have you ever studied Christ as a model in this respect? Probably you may think that the prophet overdrew the picture, and that his dream will never be realized, but remember he was not dreaming, he spake as he was moved by the Holy Ghost, and the work will be accomplished just as surely as the arm of the Lord was made bare. If Jesus is your model in this respect, your home, or your town, or your county, or your state, or your country is only the starting point of your work for God and humanity.

Viewing the apparently small results after two thousand years of self-sacrificing efforts you may think the case is hopeless, but remember what the prophet said, all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God, he did not intimate that all men would be saved. Jesus says, "Wide is the gate, and broad is the way that leadeth to destruc-